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SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 1890.

IS RICHMOND WITHOUT A VOICE IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES?

In the epirited and pointed debate that took place in the House of Delegates on Thursday, in which the general character and scope of the American Tobacco Company, the charter of which is sought to be repealed, was fully and very ably discussed, we observed that the participants came without exception from the counties.

Mr. Ryan is from Loudoun, Mr. Saunders from Franklin, Mr. Gibson from Calverton, Mr. Cochran from Augusta, Mr. Flood from Appomattox, and Mr. Downing from Warren, counties which are situated in different divisions of the Commonwealth, but all more or less interested in the cultivation of tobacco, and, therefore, in all legislative measures likely to depress or advance its value in the market.

Was not Richmond, however, as closely concerned in the questions before this debate as any one of these counties, or, in fact, as all of these counties taken together? Were not its interests as intimately affected? Were not its general welfare and prosperity as deeply involved? And yet, so far as the record shows, not a single representative from this city in the House of Delegates took any part in this unusually important debate.

Practically, this community, on that occasion, was without a single voice, distinctly belonging to it, to express its sentiments, either friendly or hostile to the bill in question. Richmond, a city, which, with its suburbs, is inhabited by over one hundred thousand people, and which largely draws its support from the very interests represented by the American Tobacco Company, exercised as little influence in the debate referred to, as if it had been the smallest hamlet in the forests of Southwest Virginia, or in some secret cove of the Alleghany mountains.

Is this what we must continue to expect during the whole subsequent course of the present session of the Legislature? Are we to be without a single representative in the various important debates that are certain to take place from time to time hereafter? Is our city to rely exclusively upon influence in committee rooms, or in the arena devoted to the sofas, to have any share in originating and shaping the laws to be enacted? Is all the eloquence and knowledge of public affairs possessed by our delegates to be exhibited only in the seats on the floor?

Where were Messrs. Curtis, Booth, and Byrne during this debate on the repeal of the bill granting a charter to the American Tobacco Company? Above all, where was Mr. Joyce? Aware of his warm interest in public affairs, we confess to some degree of surprise at not finding him occupying a most prominent place in the discussion, and by forcible and perspicuous arguments and impressive statements, giving expression to the public opinion of his constituency as to the merits and demerits of the bill in question.

We trust most sincerely that the city's delegates will not continue to pursue the policy of being as dumb as oysters when the general interests of the Commonwealth, but more especially the interests of Richmond, are touched in measures before the House. If they do the people of the State at large will begin to think that we have no representatives at all, while the people of this city will recall with the keenest regret the days when an Anderson, a Crump, a Meredith, and a Buford were prepared, upon the instant, to defend or to advocate the interests of their constituency in words and with a manner to excite a powerful influence upon the reason of their hearers.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Current Topics Culled from the Leading Papers of the Country. [New York Star.] Since the announcement of Senator Edmunds' purpose to introduce a bill in Congress to provide for the establishment of a national university at Washington the subject has been discussed in the leading newspapers of the country with much more fervor than it deserved. The journals which bestow upon the scheme an approval, Democratic editors, naturally, do not look upon such an unwieldy and dangerous extension of the functions of the Government with approval.

One of the most uncompromisingly formulated of the minority opinions is embodied in a pamphlet just published by the Rev. Dr. George D. Boardman, of Philadelphia. He would have "an American Christian University at the Capital." By that he means a Protestant University, there is a sort of offset to the Catholic institution being founded there. Could any more un-American or more harmful to the cause of Christianity be devised? We might have an Established Church and be done with it.

The election of Colonel Wilbur F. Sanders as Senator by the Republican vote of the dual Montana Legislature, has been the subject of much discussion in the noblest and best of the early pioneers of civilization in the Northwest. He was one of the first settlers in what is now Montana, having gone there after his retirement from the army, on an account of broken health, and for more than a quarter of a century he has held the laboring oar for the advancement of the Territory. He is universal to prosecute the first murder case before the court of the vigilance, and he has been a member of the legislature and of the Senate of Montana.

It is the remarkable fortune of Grover Cleveland that his name is associated, not with one great reform, but with several great reforms. With which of those three Shillibuecks is he most closely identified? Tariff Reform, Ballot Reform, or Civil Service Reform? A momentous trio of issues that are assuming overwhelming importance in the National political life, and which are as certainly destined to triumph in the end as that Right, transmitted from Heaven, governs on earth in the long run.

We consider it the principal cause for congratulation in the contemporary history of our country, that it possesses at least one illustrious citizen whose example is in every respect a beacon light to be seen of all men, to direct them in the true course which citizenship should follow. The influence of that great example it is impossible to overestimate. The extent and the depth of the impression which it has made, and is still making upon the minds of the people, are beyond the power of moral calculation.

If, at times, the corruption and class tyranny in economic matters prevailing under our system of government, seem without a single voice, distinctly belonging to it, to express its sentiments, either friendly or hostile to the bill in question. Richmond, a city, which, with its suburbs, is inhabited by over one hundred thousand people, and which largely draws its support from the very interests represented by the American Tobacco Company, exercised as little influence in the debate referred to, as if it had been the smallest hamlet in the forests of Southwest Virginia, or in some secret cove of the Alleghany mountains.

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THE SCANDAL INVOLVING MR. PARNELL. The information reaches us from Europe that the scandal involving the good name of Mr. Parnell, is very likely to be dragged into court, in which case it is stated there is every probability that the charges against the Irish leader, which are now floating about from mouth to mouth, will be proven true, in which event, he will either be thrown into jail, or compelled to leave the country secretly to escape imprisonment.

CHURCH NOTICES.

First Baptist Church, corner of Twelfth and Broad streets, Rev. George Cooper, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Second Baptist Church, corner of Main and Sixth streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Venue Baptist Church, corner of Main and Sixth streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Clay Street Baptist Church, corner of Clay and Graham streets, Rev. S. C. Clayton, pastor. Worship at 11 a. m.

Grace Street Baptist Church, corner of Grace and Main streets, Rev. W. H. Hatcher, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Leigh Street Baptist Church, corner of Leigh and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

East Street Baptist Church, corner of East and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, corner of First and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Westminster Church, corner of West and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Third Presbyterian Church, corner of Third and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Fourth Presbyterian Church, corner of Fourth and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

Moore Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, corner of Moore and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, corner of St. John's and Main streets, Rev. J. L. Rector, preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by the pastor, strangers welcome.

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RAILROADS.

RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG AND POTOMAC RAILROAD. Richmond, Va., December 28, 1889. Commencing on Monday, January 1, 1890, the following schedule will be observed:

7:02 a. m. leaves Richmond station daily, except Sunday and holidays, for Fredericksburg, stopping at New Market, Stafford, and Warrenton.

2:00 p. m. leaves Richmond station daily, except Sunday and holidays, for Fredericksburg, stopping at New Market, Stafford, and Warrenton.

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NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAIL. Two daily trains to Norfolk. Two daily trains to Lynchburg. Schedule in effect Dec. 1, 1889.

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